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Alberta

Rich in natural gas, oil sands and **conventional oil**, Alberta produces 68% of Canada's crude oil and 78% of its natural gas. Although industry is branching out to other regions of Canada, the focus continues to be in Alberta. Close to 80% of total industry spending takes place in Alberta.

Here are some key facts about the <u>upstream</u> oil and natural gas industry in Alberta:

- In fiscal 2005/2006, revenues to the province from crude oil and natural gas accounted for more than 40% or \$14.3 billion of Alberta's total revenues.
- In 2005, the industry paid a bonus of \$2.3 billion to acquire rights to explore and produce oil and gas. This was up from \$1.1 billion in 2004.
- Oil, gas and by-products account for more than 70% of Alberta's exports.

2005 Statistics

| Capital Spending: | Conventional: | \$24.9 billion |
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| • | Oil Sands: | \$10.4 billion |
| | Total: | \$35.3 billion |
| Payments to the Province | Provincial Royalties, Fees and Bonuses: | \$14.3 billion |
| Wells Drilled: | Oil: | 3,221 |
| | Natural Gas: | 13,268 |
| | Total (including Dry & Service): | 21,599 |
| Reserves at 2005 Year End: | Conventional: | |
| | Oil Sands: | 1,704 million barrels |
| | Mining - Integrated Synthetic: | 6,125 million barrels |
| | In-Situ Bitumen: | 2,474 million barrels |
| | Natural Gas: | 40.9 trillion cubic feet |
| Production: | Conventional oil | 571,000 barrels per day |
| | Surface Mining - Integrated Synthetic | 383,000 barrels per day |
| | In-Situ Bitumen | 609,000 barrels per day |
| • | Pentanes Plus/Condensate | 145,000 barrels per day |
| | Crude Oil & equivalent | 1.71 million barrels per day |
| | Natural Gas | 13.3 billion cubic feet per day |
| Industry Revenues: | Oil, Gas & By-Products: | \$81.5 billion |
| Employment: | Direct and Indirect: | 275,000 |
| Exports: | Crude Oil: | 1.09 million barrels per day |
| | Natural Gas: | 7.1 billion cubic feet per day |
| Consumption: | Crude Oil: | 272,000 barrels per day |
| | Natural Gas: | 2.2 billion cubic feet per day |

View the Alberta statistics for the past eight years.

More information is available through the following links:

- Alberta Issues and Initiatives
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| Note: All currencies are in Canadian dollars unless stated otherwise. | | | | | | | | |
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| Note: * references those numbers not yet available ** Estimates | | | | | | | | |
| Alberta: | | | | | | | | |
| Conital Seconding (Chillian) | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 200 |
| Capital Spending (\$ billions) Conventional | | | | | | L | | |
| Oil Sands | 10.4 | 8.5 | 12.9 | 14.7 | 11.7 | | 18.5 | 24 |
| Total | 1.6 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 5.9 | | | 6.2 | 10 |
| TOTAL | 11.9 | 11.0 | 17.2 | 20.6 | 18.4 | 20.5 | 24.7 | 35 |
| | 98/99 | 99/2000 | 2000/'01 | 2001/02 | 2002/03 | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/0 |
| Payments to province (\$ billions) Royalties, fees & | | | | | | | | |
| bonuses - Fiscal year | 2.6 | 4.8 | 10.6 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 9.7 | 14. |
| Wells Drilled | | | | | | | | |
| Oil | 1,391 | 1,751 | 3,198 | 2,558 | 2,645 | 3,022 | 2,563 | 3,221 |
| Gas | 4,033 | 5,622 | 7,353 | 8,789 | 6,949 | 9,942 | 12,276 | 13,268 |
| Total (incl. Dry & Service) | 8,175 | 9,444 | 13,543 | 14,975 | 12,989 | 17,873 | 19,365 | 21,599 |
| Reserves at year-end | - | | | | _ | - | | |
| Conventional oil (million barrels) | 2,215 | 2,148 | 2,079 | 1,947 | 1,921 | 1,753 | 1,741 | 1,704 |
| Oil Sands: | | | | | | | | |
| Mining - Integrated Synthetic (million barrels) | 2,847 | 5.034 | 5.011 | 4,919 | 4.881 | 5,213 | 5,294 | 6,125 |
| Raw In-situ Bitumen (million barrels) | 1,388 | 1,561 | 1,805 | 1,820 | 2,024 | 2,032 | 2,082 | 2,474 |
| Natural Gas (trillion cubic feet) | 47.8 | 46.6 | 44.8 | 45.2 | 44.5 | 42.5 | 41.7 | 40.9 |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Conventional oil (thousand barrels/d) | 858 | 785 | 748 | 720 | 661 | 629 | 600 | 571 |
| Mining - Integrated Synthetic (thousand barrels/d) | 308 | 324 | 320 | 349 | 441 | 429 | 462 | 383 |
| In-situ Bitumen (thousand barrels/d) | 282 | 244 | 289 | 310 | 303 | 435 | 532 | 609 |
| Pentanes plus/condensate (thousand barrels/d) | 200 | 197 | 185 | 166 | 161 | 148 | 146 | 145 |
| Crude oil & equivalents (thousand barrels/d) | 1,649 | 1,550 | 1,541 | 1,544 | 1,566 | 1,640 | 1,740 | 1,709 |
| Natural Gas (billion cubic feet/d) | 13.3 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 13.6 | 13.4 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 13. |
| Industry Revenues (\$ billions) | 21.1 | 28.8 | 49.9 | 49.3 | 42.9 | 57.2 | 64.4 | 81. |
| Employment | - | | | | | | | |
| Direct & Indirect | 174,150 | 178,200 | 183,000 | 183,000 | 183,000 | 275,000 | 275,000 | 275,000 |
| Exports | | | | | | | | |
| Crude oil - volume (thousand barrels/d) | 0.57 | | 004 | 4000 | 000 | 4.045 | 4.405 | 4.004 |
| Natural Gas (billion cubic feet/d) | 957 | 886 | 931 | 1006 | 983 | 1,016 | 1,105 | 1,09 |
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| Consumption: | | | | | | | | |
| Crude oil & Products (thousand barrels/d) | 1 | | 250 | 244 | 231 | 246 | 263 | 272 |
| Natural Gas (billion cubic feet/d) | | -1 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 |